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**Pittsburg Technology Park Small Power Plant Exemption
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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



City Manager's Office

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RE: Pittsburg Technology Park Small Power Plant Exemption Application (24-SPPE-01)

Dear Ms. Huber and Ms. Longman,

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Pittsburg ("City") in support of the application by AVAIO Digital Partners ("AVAIO") requesting a Small Power Plant Exemption for a proposed data center ("Project"), consistent with the Pittsburg City Council's recent adoption of the Pittsburg Technology Park Specific Plan, located on the former Delta View Golf Course in Pittsburg.

As a City with an industrial heritage that dates back more than a century and helped form the economic base of our community, this Project represents our transition to new industrial uses that will serve our community for the next 100 years. It is a critical economic development project for a community that continues to make strides in providing more opportunities for its residents. The Project will provide more than 150 union jobs, dozens of permanent high-paying career opportunities, and position the City for continued job growth in the technology marketplace.

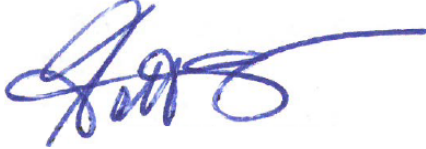
To this end, the City Council unanimously approved the Specific Plan for a Technology Park in November 2024, of which the Project is Phase I, noting the numerous benefits this proposal would bring to our community. In addition to the jobs noted above, the City and local school district would benefit greatly from the increase in property tax dollars a development of this magnitude would provide. Further, the City plans to utilize proceeds generated from the sale of the underlying land to AVAIO to fund the development of the Pittsburg Premier Fields and the Pittsburg Dream Courts, two large-scale developments that will provide recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities.

On behalf of the City, we request the CEC publish the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, and approve the SPPE application for the Project as soon as possible. Ultimately, we believe this to be a project that will benefit our local economy, while bringing

more residents and businesses to the City of Pittsburgh – and we are excited to see this Project break ground as soon as this summer.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Jordan Davis, Director of Community and Economic Development, or myself directly, to discuss what we can do to make progress on this critical infrastructure project

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Garrett Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Garrett Evans
City Manager, City of Pittsburgh